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SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

In addition to monitoring children's candy on Halloween night, parents should also know which doors not to knock on.

In unincorporated Placer County, there are about 180 registered sex offenders. Halloween can be a perilous time for trick-or-treaters because they could unknowingly knock on a sexual offender's front door.

"We do the best we can in making sure sex offenders live where they tell us," said Sheriff Ed Bonner. "So it's especially important that residents check our website to see who is living in their neighborhood."

On the website are addresses and lists of registered offenders living within one mile of the address entered by the site visitor. When using the address feature, viewers can see where offenders live in their trick-or-treat area, then avoid those houses.

By registering for the address monitoring feature on the site, the system will automatically send an email when an offender registers and moves within one mile of that address. This confidential alert service monitors any address entered, so it's not necessary to regularly check important addresses to stay informed of new registered offenders.

The website is located at http://www.placer.ca.gov/Sheriff.aspx. Click the "locate registered sex offenders" link and follow the instructions to check neighborhoods and to sign up for email alerts. Knowledge about any offenders in your area can help make a safer and more enjoyable Halloween activities.

For more information, call Dena Erwin at (530) 889-6922.